



Parish Council Rushmere St Andrew

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Minutes of the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting held on Thursday, 4th September 2025 at St Andrew's Church Hall at 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Cllr R Whiting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr K Driver, Cllr R Whiting, Cllr M Odam, Cllr R Nunn, Cllr B Ward, Cllr D Francis, Cllr J Westrup, Cllr S Taylor, Cllr J Wright, Cllr P Philpot

OTHER ATTENDEES: Members of the public: 1

APOLOGIES: Cllr M Newton

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CLERK: Mrs S Stannard (Assistant Clerk)
Minutes taken by Mrs Stannard

1. APOLOGIES, APPROVAL OF ABSENCE, PROTOCOL & CONDUCT REMINDERS

RESOLVED: Approve apologies as above

2. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLOR INTEREST

None

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th JULY 2025

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Transportation Committee held on the 10th July 2025 be signed by the Chairman as a true record and adopted by the Council.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. Public Forum – Members of the Public/ Parish Councillors may raise items relating to this agenda or any matter concerning the parish

Members of the public wanted to speak under items –

Cllr Driver made Councillors aware of issues with professional dog walkers that are unable to control dogs that are let of their leads on the Common.

Cllr Ward enquired about when the vacant post of the Clerk will be filled. Cllr Whiting indicated that this will be discussed at the next Personnel Committee meeting.

Cllr Westrup reported that a shed was broken into at the allotments. The Clerk to send a message to allotment holders to remind them to lock sheds.

5. TO NOTE DELEGATED RESPONSES ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS

NOTED. Discussion followed about process that are followed regarding delegated decisions.

Application Number	Address	Description	Delegated Response
DC/25/2874/TPO	Churchyard, St Andrews Church, The Street, Rushmere St Andrew	1no. Beech (marked on plan) - Fell	No objection
DC/25/2744/FUL	35 The Pastures, Rushmere St Andrew	Construction of front porch	No objection

DC/25/2718/FUL	36 Salehurst Road, Rushmere St Andrew	Construction of a single storey side extension	No objection
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6. TO CONSIDER AND AGREE RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/25/3124/ARM	Land at 155 The Street, Rushmere St Andrew		Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/19/3916/OUT - Development Comprising of 14 No. dwellings, 25 No. retirement apartments & a 75 bed care home - Re-Design Layout, reduce number of dwellings
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Cllr Whiting provided a situation report following the examination of the proposal and documentation. The application was considered by councillors.

RESOLVED: To recommend APPROVAL of the application.

Use of Local Materials: Care should be taken to ensure that the design and construction reflect the local character, including the use of materials that are in keeping with the surrounding area.

Pedestrian Access: Safe and accessible pedestrian links to the village, including any necessary footpaths, must be provided and made available prior to the completion of the development.

Parking Provision: Adequate on-site parking must be provided to ensure there is no adverse impact on surrounding roads or residents.

SCC/0093/25SC	Land east of Westerfield/Witnesham Road (B1077), Westerfield, Ipswich	IP6 9AJ	Extraction and processing of sand and gravel with restoration to original ground levels, erection of associated infrastructure, solar photovoltaics and access to the public highway.
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Cllr Whiting provided a situation report following the examination of the proposal and documentation. A member of the public spoke against the application The application was considered by councillors.

RESOLVED: To recommend REFUSAL of the application for the following reasons:

Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council strongly objects to this proposal based on the unacceptable impact it would have on B and C roads including The Street, Playford Road, Humber Doucy Lane and Bent Lane in and around the parish and the significant increase in Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) traffic in the area.

Inappropriate Road Network for HGV Use

The local road network, including The Street, Playford Road, Humber Doucy Lane, and Bent Lane, is fundamentally unsuitable for regular HGV movements due to its narrow width, limited visibility, lack of footpaths, and existing residential use. These roads are not designed to accommodate the size, weight, and volume of vehicles that would be required to serve a sand and gravel operation of this scale. Given the likely origin of many heavy goods vehicles—from areas such as Kesgrave, Martlesham, and the wider eastern Ipswich area—it is highly probable that roads in and around the Rushmere St Andrew parish will be used as shortcuts to and from the application site. This would significantly increase HGV traffic through unsuitable residential routes. Furthermore, the main roads in the area, including the A1214 and surrounding routes, already experience high levels of congestion, particularly during peak hours, with additional delays often caused by rail crossings such as the one at Westerfield. With the anticipated increase in HGV movements associated with the proposed sand and gravel operation—and given the likelihood that vehicles will travel from areas such as Kesgrave and Martlesham—the risk of these unsuitable local roads being used as informal shortcuts will grow substantially.

The combination of existing traffic pressures and the anticipated increase in HGV movements would place an unsustainable and unsuitable burden on the local transport infrastructure.

Road Safety Risks

The anticipated increase in HGV traffic presents a serious road safety risk to all users, particularly:

- Pedestrians and cyclists, including children walking to and from school and

